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## Northfield Schools Receive \$81,000 By Beveridge Will

Bequests of more than \$2,000,000 in cash and stock to institutions and individuals are listed in the will of Frank Stanley Beveridge of Westfield, filed last week in probate court.

Mr. Beveridge, chairman of the board of Stanley Home Products, Inc., was 77 years old when he died in Westfield Dec. 4.

Charitable bequests totaling about \$1,350,000 include \$10,000 and 2000 shares in three separate bequests to The Northfield Schools of Northfield, 2000 shares to Colgate University, 1000 shares each to Westfield YMCA, American International College, Father Flanagan's Boys' Town, Boys' Town, Neb.; and Church of Atonement, Episcopal, in Westfield; \$160,000 to Springfield College; 25,000 shares of Stanley stock to the Frank Stanley Beveridge Foundation for maintaining from income Stanley Park in Westfield; and \$1000 to Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield.

All stock bequeathed represents shares in Stanley Home Products Co. Current bid price is \$35.50 per share. Stock bequests are non-voting except where otherwise specified.

The company's annual report for 1955 lists a total of 627,118 common shares outstanding with book value per share of \$34.85. Dividends paid per share that year were \$2.20.

There are reportedly about 100,000 shares of voting stock.

Individuals sharing in the estate include Mrs. Theresa V. Beveridge, widow, \$25,000, all tangible personal effects, plus income from trust accounts; Joseph W. Palmer of Longmeadow, son-in-law, \$84,000 and 400 voting shares; children of Mrs. Evelyn Beveridge Caswell of Westfield, a daughter, \$100,000 in trust.

Homer G. Perkins, director of Stanley Home Products, Inc., and former assistant to Mr. Beveridge, receives \$80,000 and 500 shares; Helen P. Fouche of Westfield, former secretary to Mr. Beveridge, will receive \$25,000 and income from a \$75,000 trust fund.

Miss Catherine L. O'Brien, president and a co-founder of the Stanley company, is left \$5,000 and also is named trustee for the balance of voting stock, income of which is to go to the widow and others.

As voting stock trustee, Miss O'Brien apparently will hold voting control as well as administrative leadership of the company founded in a tobacco shed in Westfield 25 years ago.

Through a plan of "hostess party" sales in homes of brushes and other household products, the firm has grown to a corporation that has assets listed at \$29,969,956 on Dec. 21, 1955. The company has subsidiaries in Canada and Mexico in addition to plants in Westfield and Easthampton.

Mr. Beveridge, a native of Yarmouth, N. S., attended Colgate Academy and Mount Hermon School. A benefactor of many charities and institutions, he established the Frank Stanley Beveridge Foundation, which among other things provides scholarships and maintains Stanley Park.

Miss O'Brien, Perkins and the Third National Bank and Trust Co. are co-executors of the estate and also are named trustees of the balance of the estate, income of which will go to the widow.

Income of voting stock left in trust for the widow includes a provision for withdrawal of funds to pay \$5000 each to eight grandchildren when they reach age 25 and \$5000 each 10 years thereafter.

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Mischa Elman, noted violinist, who will play a concert at the auditorium on Northfield School campus. One of the leading violinists of our time, Mr. Elman may be heard Jan. 5.

## Pupils Deck School In Seasonal Theme

The windows of Center School have been decorated by children under the direction of Mrs. Jeanette Rich, supervisor during the art periods.

The theme is carried on throughout the building—angels personifying the different ways in which the Christmas spirit is shown during the yuletide season. The lower grades made children like angels showing things children can do during the holidays—ringing bells, trimming trees and houses, making music and lighting candles.

The middle grades have a Christmas chorus in their own likeness singing "Joy to the World." The upper grades have made angels bringing gifts of unselfish virtues and the theme culminates in a scene of the Holy Family with "Peace on Earth."

High school students were entertained by a magician at their annual Christmas assembly and party at 1 p.m. this afternoon.

A variety program included selections by the glee club, and a group of singers from the seventh and eighth grades and the school band, making its first formal appearance of the school year. Tumbling acts and community singing of Christmas carols completed the program.

Following the assembly program, the pupils went to the lower hall, where they shared refreshments and exchanged gifts.

After the program students left for the Christmas holiday, to return Jan. 2.

Two gifts to the school were noted this week. A new set of encyclopedia, the gift of the Class of 1956, was put into use for the first time. The books were paid for partly by the class and partly by the present Student Council from funds collected during the recent magazine sales campaign.

A subscription to the magazine, "Things of Science," was presented the school for use by pupils interested in science by Mrs. Mildred Coe Rapp, '15.

## Boy Scouts Need More Sales to Reach Goal

If the remaining 40 Christmas trees of the 168 trees Northfield Boy Scouts offered for sale are purchased, said Scoutmaster W. W. Sanderson, the troop will realize about \$25 to apply toward alterations made at their recently acquired headquarters.

Trees offered for sale are fireproof nursery-grown Norway spruce and range from 8 to 10 years old and three to eight feet tall, the scoutmaster said.

Trees are fireproofed by immersion in a calcium chloride solution and then are kept in the solution until they are sold.

All thirty boys in the troop have worked hard on this project, said Mr. Sanderson, and have been assisted by Clifford Camp, Robert Schuyler, Arthur Stacy, Gilbert Stacy, Ralph Livernoise, and Norman Fowler of the Boy Scout Committee and members of the Kiwanis Club.

Scouts have completed about one-third of the alterations needed and would be pleased to have visitors inspect their new quarters, Mr. Sanderson invited.



## At Town Hall

At their meeting Monday evening, Northfield selectmen voted to raise wages of highway department employees 10 cents an hour effective Jan. 1. This increase will bring wage levels to \$1.30 per hour for laborers and \$1.35 per hour for truck drivers, said Selectman Wallace Stange.

Anticipated yearly cost to the town of the wage raise will be \$1,000, said Mr. Stange.

This increase will bring wage rates in Northfield up to the scale paid in surrounding towns for similar positions.

The selectmen issued a license to operate to Podlinski Bros., used car dealers, Monday. They plan to act on other applications for car dealers at their Dec. 26 meeting.

Final date for submitting bills to the town is Monday, Dec. 31, at 11:30 a.m. The selectmen request that they be presented as soon as possible.

Jurors drawn at the Dec. 17 selectmen's meeting for the January, 1957, term of Superior Court were Donald Huber for Traverse juror and Horace F. Field to serve as Grand juror.

The planning board at their meeting Monday, Dec. 17, discussed details of obtaining the maps authorized at last town meeting, said chairman George Sheldon. They will be drawn by F. Deane Avery Assoc. and will be based on geodetic maps. Scale will

## Mischa Elman To Give Concert In Northfield January 5

### Lions Lead In Bowling League

Week ending Dec. 11, 1956			
Name	W	L	Pinfall
Lions	41	11	14,019
Foxes	36	16	14,151
Bears	28	24	13,532
Minks	25	27	13,655
Wolves	23	29	13,741
Elks	21	31	13,710
Beavers	19	33	13,569
Tigers	15	34	13,539

High team total—Lions 1187  
High team string—Mink 423  
High three strings—W. Forrest 340

High single string—G. Goggins 139

Averages of Leaders	
W. Forrest	101.13
G. Goggins	98.30
N. Stone	93.7
W. Whitney	92.27
L. Whitney	92.22
L. Blatsek	92.20
I. Severance	92
Way. Black	91.37
J. Jurkowski	91.15
R. Mankowski	91.9
S. Wozniak	90.27
P. Thompson	90.17
R. Schipp	90.4
F. Huber	90.2

be one inch to 660 feet. At their Jan. 14 meeting the planning board will discuss their year's budget and expect to examine rough drafts of maps of the town.

Mischa Elman, world-famous violinist, who will be heard here in recital on January 5 at the Auditorium, sponsored by The Northfield Schools, will play one of the world's prized instruments in his concert here. It is a 1717 Stradivarius that once, according to legend, was owned by Napoleon.

It is one of Elman's three precious violins which not only represent a history of their famous owner's career, but have colorful histories of their own. The junior member of the instrumental trio is a 181-year-old Amati, one of the violinist's most cherished possessions.

Elman, when he was 12, received it from a Russian nobleman when he was still studying at the St. Petersburg Conservatory under the famed Leopold Auer. A few months later he made his professional debut with it in Berlin and first startled the musical world with his musical genius. He hardly ever plays it today but would no sooner think of parting with it than with the memories of those days.

Mr. Elman came into the possession of his second violin, a 1722 Stradivarius, on the occasion of his American debut in 1908 at the age of 17. It was given him by his father, who saw his son capture his first American audience with it and go on to win acclaim in 21 succeeding concerts that year in

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## One Solitary Life

Editors, writers and ministers have attributed this anonymous tribute to many sources—Phillips Brooks, O. Henry, Mark Twain, Emerson Fosdick to name but a few. It has appeared in many anthologies and has been the subject of many sermons. ONE SOLITARY LIFE is a piece of great distinction. You may have missed it. We are therefore using it as our message for this Christmas season.

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city.

He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He has no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies.

He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat.

When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries wide have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

## AT THE CRECHE

Stand in the stable where the birds  
Of snow perform for Heaven's Son  
A dance of love, and one by one  
Make adoration without words.

Pray by sign only, your flat hands  
Open as to receive a feast  
Of grace, a much for very least,  
More mercy than your most demands.

Do not pray for sweet rain, nor meddle  
And urge that Alice be spared her loss  
Or John his pain. Later the cradle  
In the true play becomes a cross.

Nor ask to be among the angels,  
The high-singers in golden rings  
Who praise in clamorous evangels  
The friar King who out-kings kings.

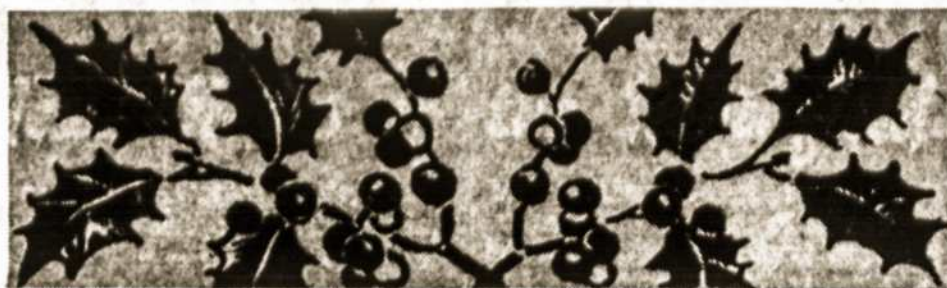
Pray, rather, for a huge pity  
On children, a crust of laughter  
For old men, joy in our duty,  
A place by the fire thereafter.

Outside the jubilant inn-cock crows  
And thrice proclaims the vivid Birth,  
As three and thirty doves unloose  
Christ's morning over Herod's earth.

ARNOLD KENSETH

Season's Greetings  
From the Staff of  
The Northfield Press

## Through a Kitchen Window



A package arrived for us in the mail today postmarked Tennessee. Our southern cousins surprise us frequently with a variety of treasures from their garden and yard. Inside today's box, just the thing for the holiday season—holly. Sprigs and sprigs of holly with here and there little bunches of mistletoe.

When we think of Christmas holly, so well loved, we see in our mind's eye glossy evergreen leaves with sharp prickles on the waxy margins, and gay bright red berries! Some people give it a coat of shellac to preserve it from year to year. In this way holly can be used over and over like Christmas tree ornaments. It has been a yuletide decoration since the time of the earliest settlers.

At this time of the year holly decorates Christmas cards, fabrics and gift wrappings, and is a familiar part of department store ads. The glistening berried branches add charm to any yuletide arrangement, doorway ornament, table centerpiece or mantel decoration.

Holly is a favorite in many colonial gardens of Virginia and has been planted around southern plantation homes and historic towns such as Williamsburg. George Washington was very fond of it. He liked the precise formal quality of the tree. His diary tells of "transplanting many little hollies from the woods," and later recorded that some of these did not survive. Washington grew some from seed and planted others given him by friends in his great holly planting in the rear of his mansion. About a dozen of these holly trees still stand.

The hollies belong to the *Aquifoliaceae* family which has representatives on every continent and ranges from the north temperate to the south temperate zones. Many species are tropical. Many of the species are dioecious, that is, have the pistillate or berry-bearing flowers on one plant and the staminate flowers on another. *Ilex* is the Latin name for holly, and they are all trees or shrubs. Our native shrubby hollies are called winterberries: *I. verticillata*, black alder, *I. laevigata*, smooth winterberry, and *I. glabra*, inkberry.

The American holly, *Ilex opaca*, and the English or European holly, *Ilex aquifolium*, very similar in appearance are both in great demand for holiday decorations. In some places it is threatened with destruction unless more care is taken in the gathering.

The American holly is the state tree of Delaware. It is native from Massachusetts to Florida, and west to Missouri and Texas. It is cultivated by the early colonists as hedges for the kitchen gardens to keep cattle from trampling the vegetables. Slow growing it is a remarkably beautiful small tree, pyramidal in shape with a short trunk. Especially common from Washington, D. C., to Virginia, it is a conspicuous green when other trees are bare. In the wild we find it with pine, magnolia, hickory, sweet gum and sassafras. Sometimes several grow together and wherever you see them the trees are "all dressed up for Christmas" at any time of the year. The leaves are sharp spiny, leathery, deep green and not quite as shiny as the English holly. The glossy red berries are eaten by 14 species of birds including bluebird, oriole, kingbird, hermit thrush, bobwhite and wild turkey. These helpful birds help distribute the seeds through the forest.

The English holly, native over most of Europe and Asia and a favorite in English gardens, grows well in our Pacific northwest and has become well liked for gardens in the United States wherever it is hardy. The leaves are glossier, more deeply indented between long spiny tips, and the berries larger than the American holly. Some say it looks like the

American holly only more so. At one time small branches and leaves were used to clean and sweep chimneys. Hedges of holly are popular in England, too. The foliage, dull in summer, gleams brilliant as polished leather in winter.

In the folklore of the Old World, holly makes a colorful appearance. Long before the birth of Christ the Romans celebrated a midwinter festival Saturnalia—turning of the sun. They adorned their halls with holly and exchanged gifts decorated with sprigs of holly. Because of the association with pagan rites the use of holly was frowned upon by the early church. Since that time it has completely outgrown its old associations and in some countries it was known as Christ's thorn, symbolic of the crown of thorns, the scarlet berries representing drops of blood. Later it became the "holly tree," afterward called holly. Planted beside the house a holly tree was purported to safeguard it from wicked spirits.

Holly wood is wonderfully hard with a uniform texture, pale and even grained, that takes dye and stain well. The black and white inlay in musical instruments and furniture is most probably holly. Dyed black it makes black piano keys. Engravers like the whiteness and even texture for art work. A trunk of it forms rollers by which calicoes are printed. Knife and tool handles are made from it because of its hardness. It makes an ideal veneer. But we know it best as an ornamental for living planting, or for Christmas decorations to be used in wreaths, sprigs or sprays to enliven any home. Harmar


## News Notes from Northfield Farms

Mrs. Laurence Hammond,  
Correspondent  
Telephone 913

Miss Rachel Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parsons, has returned home from Stockbridge School for the Christmas holidays.

After spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Warner and family of Springfield, Mrs. Lincoln Hammond has returned to her home. Mrs. Hammond is 94 years old and enjoys good health. Her favorite occupation is reading.

Herbert Brocklesby and daughter



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ter, Nancy, of Huntington, Conn., visited his mother, Mrs. Florence Borthwick, Sunday.

Mrs. John Ferris, who makes her home with Mrs. Vera Farris, has returned to Galveston, Texas, for the Christmas holidays. Her husband, who is in the armed forces, is stationed in England.

Laurence Hammond has sold his herd of cows and is now employed by the Yellow Cab Co. in Greenfield.

Mrs. Pearl Welch, mother of Mrs. Donald Snow, is in a nursing home in Hanover.

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# New School Battle of 1850 Related By Mrs. Callender

*By Eva Stebbins Callender*  
Some time between 1850 and 1860, residents of school district 8, west of the Connecticut river and slightly south of the bridge, found that the school house, after a half-century of use, needed repairs. A school meeting was called for one December night to decide details of the reconstruction.

Since the population of the area was small, the financial conditions of the inhabitants had quite an effect on the outcome of the meeting.

The largest landholders in the district were Cyrus Holton and Zebulon Allen, from whose taxes

the major portion of funds for school building purposes were taken.

Several of the other voters in the district might be termed transient residents since they were tenants and paid only a poll tax.

Possibly the tenants were envious of the wealthier landholders because they decided the district should not repair the old school house but should build a new one which would cost from \$1500 to \$1800. The underlying purpose of this decision, old records state, was solely to "make Cy Holton and Zeb Allen shell out."

After considerably vigorous discussion at the first meeting, the vote taken showed eight favoring building a new school house and eight firmly opposed.

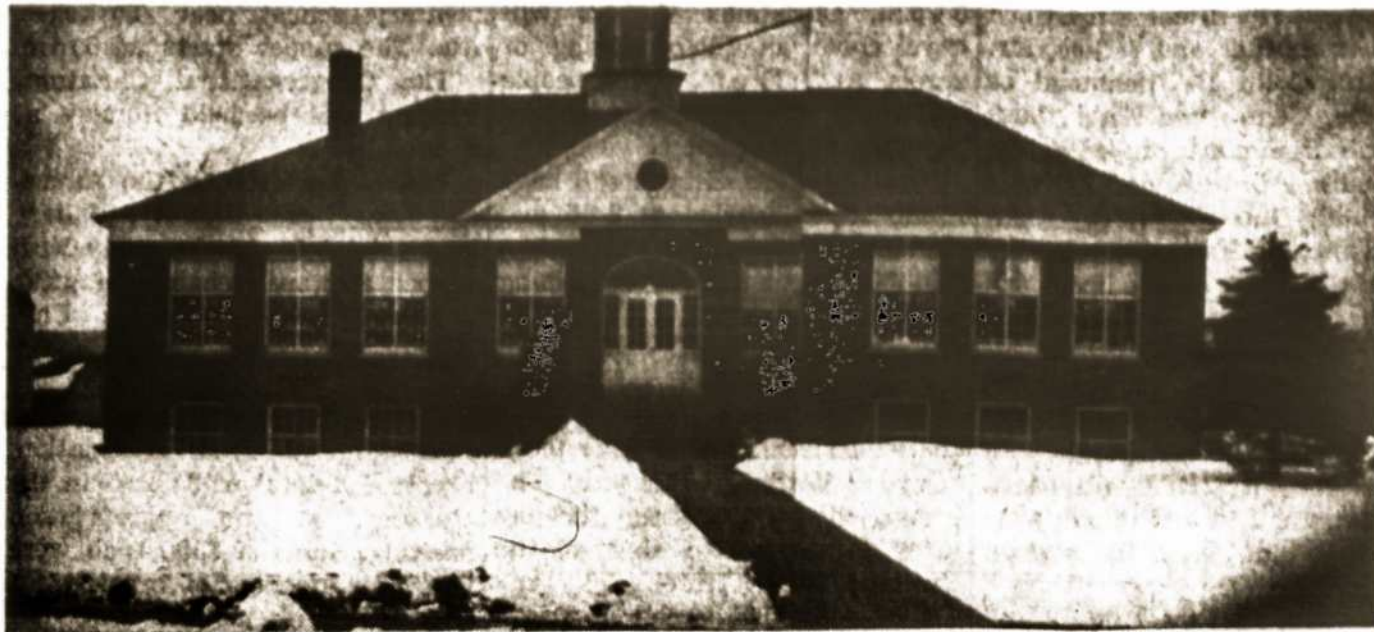
"What shall be done?" asked the chairman.

"Move we adjourn for two weeks"; it was done immediately.

All 16 voters present rushed to contact the 17th, Uncle Dwight Allen, who was a man of education and much dignity. He gave the same reply to both parties when he was with great cordiality asked "to vote on our side."

"My friend," he said, "I have no children to send to school, I pay only a poll tax and, moreover, I have found that an excellent way to avoid a quarrel is to keep entirely away from one, so I beg to be excused."

The next meeting found all the voters again present, and they argued, "cussed and discussed" with the same result—a tie. Every two weeks during the winter this was repeated while old neighbors passed other without recognition, state and national affairs were forgotten, the all absorbing topic being "what shall be done about the school-house?"



Contrasting sharply to the two-room school of the 1850s which precipitated a virtual feud among the 17 voters of school district eight is modern Center school which houses only the elementary grades of Northfield students.

During the illness of one of the mill tenants, the school warrant mysteriously disappeared, probably the work of a mischievous boy, but considerable language was used over the fact, unpleasant hints and suggestions being conveyed.

However a new warrant promptly appeared written with the blackest of ink and held firmly by twice the usual number of tacks to call attention to the fact of the coming school-meeting in Dis. No. 8.

But this time (it was now in March) the fates appeared to intervene, for Mr. Cyrus Holton had received a vigorous kick from an unbroken colt which confined him to his bed, and Mr. Burrows had an urgent call to a distant city, so Plumley, leader of the new school-house force, said "Now, boys, we've got 'em. Cy is laid up and Burrus is away so be on hand to ther school meetin'."

Promptly at the appointed hour the voters gathered, and after the usual preliminary opening the chairman called for discussion on the question; no one had anything to say for everything had been said at previous meetings.

The vote was then taken, and as expected eight were in favor of building a new school-house and six still united in being firmly opposed. "By vote of 8 to 6 a new school-house is to be built in District Number 8," announced the chairman, and what action shall be taken about building the same?"

Discussion then became general; who were the best carpenters to employ, the style of building to be erected, where to get the lumber etc., and as the fire died away one by one they gathered around the stove, the conversation becoming general with the old time neighborly friendliness.

"Well," said Plumley, "I've got a big day's work ahead tomorrow so must be goin'," and taking their lanterns, he and another mill tenant went away.

Mr. John Weeks also started but Dea. Holton inquired of him "About those pigs he had to sell," and while they were talking Perry thought "he must be gittin' home" so off he went.

After a few minutes Dea. Holton returned to the chair at the desk and said blandly, "Gentlemen, the hour is getting late, and a motion to adjourn is in order unless," and here a sly twinkle came into his eyes, "unless someone chooses to bring further business before this meeting."

"But say, Mr. Chairman, we can't do any more business here tonight, can we?" asked one of the mill tenants.

"Certainly," said Mr. Holton; the meeting was legally called and has not been adjourned; any business can be brought before the

voters present.

"I move that all previous business done this evening be rescinded," came in sonorous tones from Mr. Zebulon Allen.

"But Mr. Chairman, some on our side have gone home."

"Can't help that," said Mr. Holton.

"Orter stayed," piped John Weeks from his chair by the stove. "Well, I'll be jiggered if we ain't euchered after all," said the mill tenant as he sat weakly back into his seat.

It was quickly voted to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$500 to repair the old building, and a committee was appointed to see the repairs were made in a neat substantial manner, but the defeated side always referred to that last school-meeting as one of Deacon Holton's tricks.

During the 1860s and 70s, the old school house received each spring, fall and winter about 20 pupils generally with a "new" teacher each term, Misses Josie Snow, Mary Holton of West Northfield, now Mrs. Gates, Etta Aldrich, Sarah Holton (Mrs. David Streeter), Lella Hicks (Mrs. F. Z. Allen) Fannie Holton, Kate Slate of Bernardston (Mrs. Crowell being among the names remembered.

As the years went on the number of pupils decreased until only five were in attendance, and finally the schoolhouse was abandoned in the late 70s, and the pupils transferred to District No. 7 (the kingdom school) and to District Number 1 on Main St.

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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bigelow will have with them Christmas week her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Collin B. Richmond of Nashville, Tenn.; her sister, Miss Marjorie Richmond of Arlington, Va.; and her brother and his wife and child, the Collin B. Richmonds, Jr., of Falls Church, Va. The Harold Bigelows, Sr., will join them on Christmas Day.

Frank Maynard of Maple St. fell and broke his hip and is in the Franklin County Hospital.

The Trinitarian Congregational Church church school will be at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and public worship at 11 a.m. when the sermon

will be "Gifts and The Gift." At 5 p.m. Christmas Vespers will have choir and solo singing of carols. At 7:30 p.m. young people will meet at the church and go carolling to shut-ins.

The Unitarian Church will have a Christmas service at 9:45 and the school of religious education will join them instead of holding an 11 a.m. service.

Jimmy Broadhead was tapped for men's senior honor society, "Sphinx Head," at Cornell. He is the leader of the triple quartette, "Cayuga Waiters," this year. The group will go to Nassau the day after Christmas to sing at the Emerald Beach Hotel.

Lawrence Underwood, Harrison Brown and Rev. Everett Moore met recently at North School to form a boy scout troop. Meetings will be held each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Edna Farnham is still unable to work after having received severe burns on her leg from boiling water.

The Advent Christian Church Christmas tree program will be held tonight when Mrs. Bessie Dunklee's beginners class will put on a tableau.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Racine opened Pine Top Sunday for skiers.

Rita Ann Stacy celebrated her eighth birthday with a supper for ten children.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morrow expect to leave their Mt. Hermon home Friday and drive to Philadelphia to visit Mrs. Morrow's mother, Mrs. Sharron, who occupies their home every summer.

Ted Powell returned from visiting his brother, Jack, in Cleveland, Ohio. The David Powells went from Ohio to New York City and intend to return here Dec. 22.

The Trinitarian Congregational Church will hold a parish supper and observe their white gift celebration this evening. Gifts this year will be sent to Casa Mia in Naples, an orphanage for war ref-

ugees, and to Cotton Valley, elementary school near Tuskegee, Ala. The supper starts at 6 p.m.

The Congregational Christmas Vespers will be held Sunday at 5 p.m.

Wednesday evening the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary held a joint Christmas party with supper and an exchange of gifts.

The Northfield Garden Club had its Christmas party Monday evening.

Charles Streeter, treasurer of the Fish and Game Association, reported a total of \$492.95 in the treasury, at the appropriation meeting. Sums of \$300 each were voted for stocking of brook trout and pheasant. Anyone who has pheasants near his home may secure feeding hoppers and food by contacting Paul Chamberlain or Louis Sojka.

The social service committee of the Unitarian Evening Alliance will distribute Christmas baskets; Mrs. Charles F. Slate, Mrs. Joseph Field, Mrs. Thomas Parker and Mrs. Myron Dwight are members of the committee.

Mrs. Jane Roberts entertained her Sunday School class in South Vernon with a supper and party with the aid of Mrs. Elvin Blackstone.

Army Pvt. Darrell M. Kendall, son of Samuel R. Kendall, is taking an eight-week basic combat training course at Fort Hood, Texas. His wife is living at 606 Andrews Road, Mentor-on-Lake, Ohio.

About 95 children and 25 parents attended the Christmas party sponsored by Holy Name Society and St. Patrick's Guild at St. Patrick's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Livingston plan to leave for Baltimore to visit Mr. Livingston's brother Saturday and then on Monday go to their daughter's home in Bethesda, Md.

The William Marshalls came up from Greenfield to attend the supper and Christmas party of the American Legion and Auxiliary Wednesday evening. They plan to go to their home in Gloucester today.

Mrs. George Borden Granger left at 3 a.m. yesterday on the Washingtonian to go to Philadelphia and New Jersey. She will visit her daughter who has just returned from Cooper hospital in Camden, where her son was born last Saturday.

Next Sunday the Emory Rikerts will hold a family reunion when their granddaughter, Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rikert of Canton, Mass., will be christened at the Congregational church. John Rikert, their older son, will arrive home Friday night in time to stand as godfather for Susan. The other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jacobson of Brookfield, also plan to attend.

Mrs. Etta Cavanaugh went to Ontario to spend Christmas with her daughter, Virginia, and family.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Church are planning a public dance for Dec. 28 in Town Hall, with the Bel-Airs orchestra playing.

Mrs. George Carr led a story-telling hour in the library for grades 1 and 2 Wednesday. The children were accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Haack.

Last Saturday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Carlton W. Woods held open house for their friends here and in neighboring towns. They moved into the Dollard house on lower Main St. at the end of October.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCollister issued invitations to their friends to attend an open house next Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sumner Turner will go to Plainville, Mass., to spend Christmas with their daughter's family, the Harvey Roberts, Jr.

Mrs. L'Hommedieu, mother of Sarlton L'Hommedieu of Mt. Hermon School, after several days in the Brattleboro Hospital with a fractured hip, is now in the Vernon Nursing Home of the Advent Christian Church.

Mrs. Mildred Nims has taken a home in Tasco, Mexico, for the winter, but she and her sister went to Mexico City to see the Christmas decorations. She writes "Christmas and New Years we are going to stay over night at the Hotel Santa Prisca... (Tasco) It is the next best thing to being in my old house in Northfield."

Valentine Plotzck was elected president of the Holy Name Society. Other officers elected were George Butynski, first vice-president; Tom Hurley, second vice-president; John Green re-elected treasurer; William Urgielewicz, marshal.

Mrs. Helen Stevenson, formerly a Northfield resident, writes that her two sons, Robin and Alden, both Mt. Hermon graduates, have new homes in California "with the back yards meeting." Alden's son was born on March 4; the same date on which he and Robin were born.

Carol Chapin Aiken, Northfield School for Girls 1950, writes of the wonderful home The Church of the Holy Trinity has built in Hawaii for her and her husband. The Aikens were married December

16, 1955, and he graduated from Virginia Episcopal Theological Seminary in June. Mrs. Aiken's

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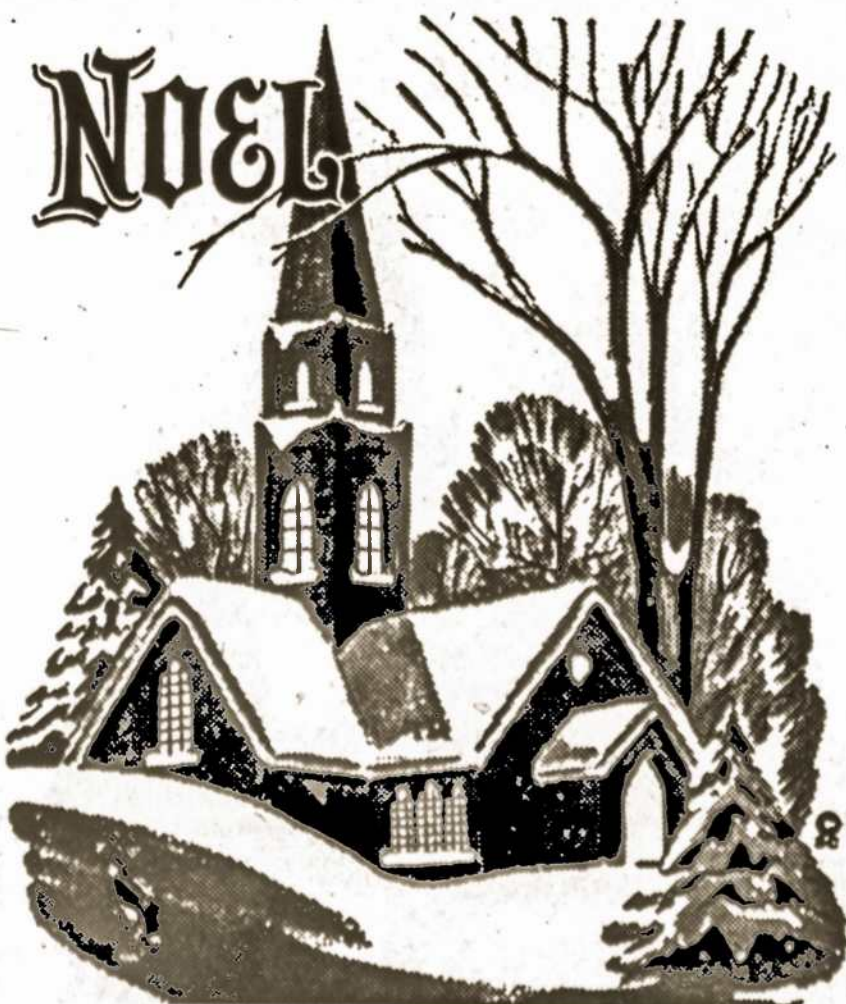
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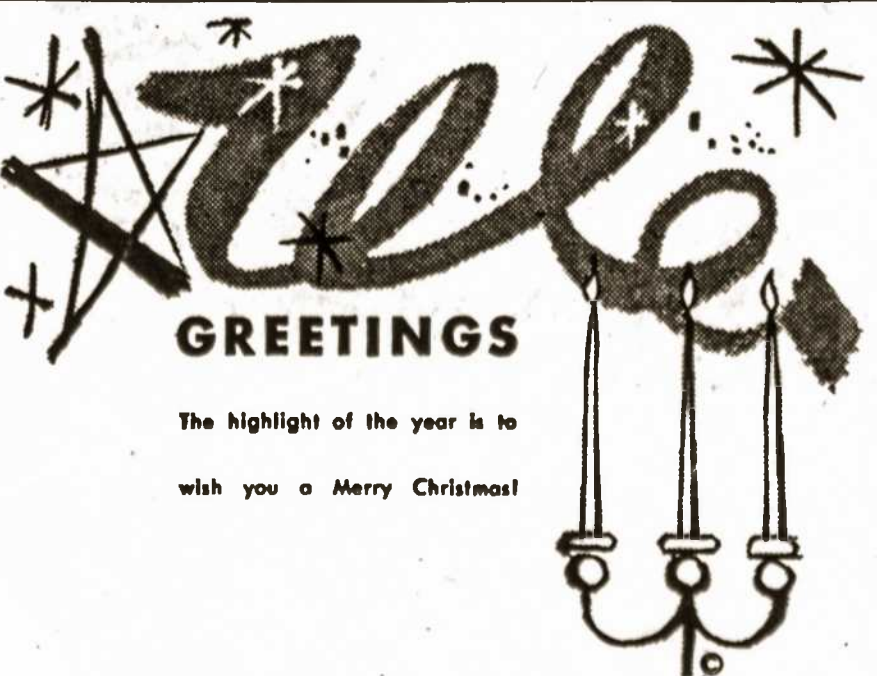
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## Social Notes

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father, Dr. Chapin, is Springfield city doctor.

Mrs. A. E. Davis of 84 Main St. will spend Christmas with her son and his wife, the L. Kirkwood Davises of New York. After Christmas they plan to move to Strafford, Pa., where Mr. Davis will work as refinery manager of Pennsylvania sugar division of National Sugar Co.

Mrs. A. E. Davis retired from the staff of The Northfield School for Girls in June. In July her first article on the music room in Talcott Library, appeared in The

Music Journal of which Sigmund Spaeth is editor.

Christmas greetings from Isabel and Monroe Smith include this information: Since September they and a party of students have traveled through France, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Spain and Morocco. They were "living with Arabs in Africa" when they wrote, and planned to spend Christmas in a refugee camp. They are stressing conditions in underdeveloped countries.

Mrs. Marian Harvey, who owns the white house high on Davis Mountain north of town, sends word of her son's ordination. Robert Harvey graduated from Dartmouth; married Sue Falter, sister of John Falter of Saturday Evening Post fame; and then went into the advertising business. When he decided to go into the ministry he chose the Episcopal Church as his future field. Mrs. Harvey left her New Jersey winter home Jan. 15 to spend Christmas with her son's family and to witness his ordination as rector of St. Mark's mission in Aurora, Ill., Jan. 21. The son's address is 149 Commonwealth Ave., Aurora.

Mrs. Harvey's home here may be seen for many miles in the west and south. In the old days she used to take her husband to the New York train half an hour early; return to their hill home and wave a lantern so that Mr. Harvey would know of her safe return before he boarded his train.

The Friendly Group will meet at Hart's Nursing Home Monday evening for a Christmas party; each member to take a gift.

Miss Alma Gillespie sailed for the United States and landed Dec. 20. The James Gillespies expect all their children home for Christmas.

Mrs. V. P. Squires plans to leave Monday to visit her son and family in Ohio.

Mrs. Pearl Welch, mother of Mrs. Donald Snow, is in Stetson Hall (Nursing Home) in Hanover, Mass.

On Dec. 14, in the Cooper Hospital in Camden, N. J., William George Abbott was born; son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Abbott; grandson of Dr. and Mrs. George Borden Granger of Pine St., East Northfield, and of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Abbott of Rockville Centre, Long Island, N. Y.

Mount Hermon School was host to the annual conference of New England Student Government As-

## Bernardston Pupils Distribute Gifts

Christmas baskets will be distributed during the holiday season filled with the generous contributions of the Bernardston Elementary School pupils during "Our Week of Sharing."

Christmas parties for the various classes were held Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Santa Claus was present and gifts were exchanged among the children.

School closed Friday, Dec. 21 and will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2.

## Center School Pupils Observe Christmas

Center School pupils ended their session today with an exchange of gifts and a visit from Santa Claus.

Under the direction of Mrs. Esther Galbraith, a choral group entertained students in their rooms with a 15-minute program of Christmas carols at Center School Tuesday. This group of 20 boys and girls from grades 4 through 6 has met once a week since September. This is the second time they have entertained. They prepared two numbers for the Veterans Day program. After vacation, a new group will be organized and will consist entirely of boys.

sociations this past weekend at the Northfield Hotel. Eugene S. Wilson, director of admissions at Amherst College, was principal speaker at the opening luncheon.

The new president of St. Patrick's Guild is Mrs. Helen Urgiewicz Green. Mrs. Agnes Wickey is first vice president.

Mrs. Carroll Miller presided at the Afternoon Alliance's party last Thursday. That evening when the Evening Alliance met, the 25th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Ernest Howard was observed and five others with new homes were given household gifts.

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### Girl Scout News

Dear Press, 24 girls in scouts. Mrs. Johnson led opening exercises. Cindy Thompson was absent. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Wallbridge leaders. The girls worked on presents for their parents. There won't be any more Scouts until January 7, 1957.

Troop Scribe, Carol Lombard

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## Church Notes

Trinitarian Congregational

9:45 a.m.—Church School.

11 a.m.—Public worship; sermon by pastor, Rev. J. W. Reeves, "The Person Who Already Has Everything."

4 p.m.—Senior choir rehearsal in Sanctuary.

6:30 p.m.—Pilgrim Fellowship, "Favorite Carols and Spirituals."

Unitarian Church

9:45 a.m. — Worship service with special music and carol singing. As students of The Northfield School for Girls are away, there will be no nursery during church period, and families are urged to bring children to church.

11 a.m.—School of Religious Education.

4 p.m.—Christmas Pageant.

St. Patrick's Church

The Holy Name Society and St. Patrick's Guild will hold a party for all children of the parish from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## Kiwanis See Movie Of Sport Car Race

At their weekly meeting at the Valley Vista Inn Monday night, the Northfield Kiwanis Club was happy to welcome back former member, Cliff Camp, and receive as a new member, Harold Wyman of East Northfield. Thirty-two members were present, and four guests from the Northampton Kiwanis Club attended.

Eugene Miller provided the entertainment with a moving picture on sport car racing.

The blessing was offered by Pres. Julian Barber and singing was under the direction of Sumner Turner. Pres. Barber announced that the Boy Scouts need help with their sale of Christmas trees. The birthday of Ted Powell was celebrated by the club.

Pres. Barber also announced that there will be a Round Table next week at Paul Jordan's from 5 to 6:30 and the following week at Hamilton Cregar's.

## Elman Concert To Be Here Saturday, Jan. 5

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New York alone. This "Strad" once belonged to the great Joseph Joachim, who had proclaimed little Mischa a finished artist in his European debut.

The third fiddle and the greybeard of the trio is a 1717 Stradivarius and one of the most prized violins in the world. It has the most romantic history of the lot and was presented to Mr. Elman by his wife when they were honeymooning in Paris. It came into their possession only after a hard fight.

Mr. Elman saw the violin at the shop of the most reputable violin dealer in Paris, Caressa, and fell in love with it at once. He made an offer for it, but the dealer told him it was out of the question since someone else had already offered much more.

Several days later, not being able to keep away from the shop, Mr. and Mrs. Elman were passing by on their way to their hotel and could not resist walking in for another look. Inside, as it happened, the dealer had the other buyer in a second room. Mrs. Elman could not bear the thought of the violin going to anyone else but her husband and offered to buy it herself. She raised the bid higher, almost to match the other's offer. At last, being swayed by sentiment, the dealer accepted Mrs. Elman's bid.

The instrument was in the hands of a Spanish art collector before coming into the hands of the Paris violin dealer. It had once belonged to Marshal Molitor, who had served under Napoleon. Later it came into the possession of Mme. Recamier, who was supposed to have received it from no less an admirer than Napoleon himself.

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